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Figure 1A shows an example of a worst-case situation for writing dummy data for a simple write scheme where a complete data zone in a layer is filled with dummy data.

Figure 1B shows an example of the invention where user data is alternately written to different layers.

Figure 2 schematically depicts paths, write sequences, and layer jumps of a write operation of the method of figure 1B.

Figure 3A -3F illustrates the steps of a first embodiment of the method of the invention for writing user data to the two layers of the disk.

Figure 4 illustrates the steps of a second embodiment of the method of the invention for writing user data to the two layers of the disk.

Figure 5A -5B illustrates the steps of additional embodiments for the method of the invention for writing user data to n layers of the disk.

Figure 6 is a table comparing the best-case and worst-case for writing dummy data using the simple write scheme of Figure 1A and the write scheme of the invention.